

Railway Division with South Central Railway, Secunderabad Zone, as at present, and not merge it with Hubli Railway Zone; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE):

(a) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received to retain Guntakal Railway Division with South Central Railway.

(b) The jurisdiction of South Western Railway has not been finalised. However, the entire issue of re- organisation of Zones/Divisions is presently under review.

New Units at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences

***367. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned funds for starting Cobalt Therapy unit and other palliative care units at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary; and

(b) if so, the details of amount released so far and that proposed to be released during 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Standing Committee on Radiotherapy Development Programme which met on 23.2.2000 under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services, considered the case of Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, for grant-in-aid under the Development of Oncology Wing scheme of National Cancer Control Programme. The Standing Committee directed that the deficiencies in respect of building and staff may be got rectified as well as clarification about the status of the Institution be also obtained.

Modernisation of Stations in Orissa

***369. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken to modernise stations in Orissa sector of South Eastern Railway and to introduce computerised reservation at more stations in that State compared to those in the entire South Eastern Railway; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to renovate Jajpur Keonjhar station as a model station and introduce computerised reservation counters at the said station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE):

(a) Modernisation of Railway Stations is continuous process and the same is taken up wherever so warranted due to increase in the volume of passenger traffic. Works wherever required for modernisation/renovation/augmentation of existing amenities at stations, are included in the Annual Works Programme of Railways.

In the State of Orissa, works for modernisation of the following stations have been taken up:—

Stations	Details of Works
Bhubaneswar	1. Raising and paving of Kota stone flooring on Platforms No. 1 & 4. 2. Provision of 4 seater benches on platforms.
Berhampur	1. Extension of Platform No. 1 by 100m., Platform No. 2&3 by 50m. with 3 bays of shelter. 2. Construction of New computerised reservation and booking office. 3. Provision of 4 seater benches on platforms.
Raiyagada	1. Provision of washable aprons on line No. 1&2.
Puri	1. Augmentation of Passenger amenities and washable apron on line No. 4 & 6. 2. Renovation of concourse and ground floor varanda of station building. 3. Provision of 4 seater benches on platforms. 4. Rapid display system.
Sambalpur	1. Improvement and renovation of station building and construction of 1st floor of the dormitory and retiring room. 2. Circulating area in front of the station.

Stations	Details of Works
	3. Provision of Automatic Announcement system.
Rourkela	1. Provision of on-line reservation and train indication equipments.
Jharsuguda	1. Provision of on-line reservation and train indication equipments.
	2. Provision of circulating area.
Khurda Road	1. Provision of computerised reservation counter and separation of enquiry office from waiting hall on Platform No.1.
	2. Provision of 4 seater benches on platforms.
Titlagarh	1. Provision of Automatic Announcement system.
Cuttack	1. Provision of C.C.T.V. in the computerised reservation complex.
	2. Provision of Rapid Display System.

Computerised reservation facilities are available at 14 locations in the State of Orissa at present. In addition, works for provision of computerised reservation facilities at Titlagarh, Hirakud, Paradeep and Rayagada have also been taken up.

(b) Jajpur Keonjhar Road is 'E' category station dealing with 767 passengers per day on an average. Amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic such as, shelter on platforms, drinking water facilities, adequate sitting arrangements, lavatories, vending stalls, waiting hall, upper class waiting room, retiring room doormitory, have already been provided. As a measure of augmentation of existing facilities works for provision of passenger announcement system, extension of foot over bridge and raising of platform has been recently completed. Work of improvement to circulating area and improvement of station complex alongwith additional facilities have already been taken up and is expected to be completed by December 2000. Further, Jaipur Keonjhar Road Station has been selected as one of the model stations in the proposals for Supplementary Demands for Grants 2000-01

A station should have a minimum of 200 reservation related work load per day for being eligible for provision of computerised reservation facilities.

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As such Jajpur Keonjhar Road does not qualify for provision of computerised reservation at present.

Landed Price of LNG and Naphtha

***370. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:**
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the price of LNG at various sites of the inland urea manufacturing companies; and

(b) how does it compare with the landed price of Naphtha at these sites, assuming today's international LNG prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) Currently, there is no import of LNG in the country. The price of LNG varies from contract to contract and is not quoted or published as in the case of crude oil and other petroleum products. Therefore, it is not possible to compare the price of naphtha with an international LNG price.

Meeting of National Commission on Population

***371 SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first meeting of the National Commission on Population was held in New Delhi, recently;

(b) if so, the major decisions arrived therein;

(c) whether the Commission has formulated any instant action plan for arresting the burgeoning growth of population; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. The first meeting of the National Commission on Population has been held on 22nd July, 2000 at New Delhi.

(b) The following are the major decisions arrived in the meeting:—

- (i) A National Population Stabilization Fund will be set up which will provide a window for canalising monies from national